



UPDATED A G E N D A
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
December 07, 2021 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Call to Order

Moment of Silence

Invocation by County Council Chaplin

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Approval of Minutes

November 16, 2021 Regular Minutes

County Attorney Comments

County Administrator Comments

Proclamations

Proclamation 2021-17 A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
DECEMBER 18, 2021 AS NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Public Comment Session

[Limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person]

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by emailing jennifercadams@oconeesc.com or calling 864-718-1023, so that your comment may be read into the record.

Council Member Comments

Public Hearing regarding the Following Ordinances

If you would like to be heard during either of the public hearings, please contact Clerk to Council Jennifer C. Adams at jennifercadams@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023 so that your participation may be coordinated.

[None scheduled for this meeting.]

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

[None scheduled for this meeting.]

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Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2021-25 AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANDERSON COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN ANDERSON COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SEC. 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH ANDERSON COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

[None scheduled for this meeting.]

First & Final Reading of the Following Resolutions

Resolution 2021-16 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONDUCT STUDIES AND RECOMMEND AN IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE, PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE § 6-1-950.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Discuss 2020 Redistricting plan and next steps

Public Comment Session regarding Redistricting 2020

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Discussion and Council consideration of Premium Pay for Essential Workers as defined in allowable expenditures in the American Recovery Plan Act.

Council approval of acquisition of real property adjacent to the Oconee County Solid Waste Complex

[To be considered after executive session.]

Procurement #: 21-03	Title: Cherokee Lake Road Bridge Replacement
Department: Roads and Bridges	Amount: Project: \$ 679,893.41
	<u>10% Contingency: \$ 67,989.34</u>
	Total Award: \$ 747,882.75

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Due to structural and functional elements, the existing bridge on Cherokee Lake Road needs to be replaced. This bridge is located where Cheohee Creek initially passes under the road. The Cheohee Valley Fire Substation is located above this bridge and it is utilized to get to Cheohee Valley Road. At this time, it is not a safe way for fire trucks to pass. By constructing a new bridge, it will allow larger, heavier vehicles to access the area and will improve the horizontal alignment of the road. This will be achieved by super elevating the roadway across the bridge through the curve.

The Cherokee Lake Road Bridge Replacement Project consists of: all work within the limits of roadway construction, clearing and grubbing, roadway construction, bridge construction, erosion control, storm drainage, grassing and other site improvements.

On November 4, 2021, formal sealed bids were opened for this project. Fourteen (14) bidders were notified of this opportunity. Three (3) companies submitted bids, with Thrift Development Corporation, of Seneca, SC, submitting the lowest bid of \$679,893.41.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council:

- 1) Approve the award of ITB 21-03 to Thrift Development Corporation, of Seneca, SC, for Cherokee Lake Bridge Replacement in the amount of \$679,893.41, plus a 10% contingency amount of \$67,989.34 for any change orders that may arise, for a total award amount of \$747, 882.75.***
- 2) Authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this project and sign any change orders within the contingency amount.***
- 3) Authorize the County Administrator to transfer sufficient funds for the above project to the departments Capital-Cherokee Lake Rd line item.***

**Procurement #: 21-10
Department: PRT
South Cove Recreation Building**

**Title: Windows and Doors
Amount: Project: \$ 49,867.99
10% Contingency: \$ 4,986.80
Total Award: \$ 54,854.79**

The recreation building at South Cove County Park was built in the early 1970s. The building is in need of major renovation. Currently, the building is not insulated or cooled. Upon completion of the renovation, it is the intention that the recreation building be available year-around to hold events, conferences, educational programs, and be available for park patrons to enjoy. This portion of the renovation includes replacing the open air window slots with commercial grade windows and replacing the doors with commercial grade doors.

On November 16, 2021, formal sealed bids were opened for this project. Four (4) bidders were notified of this opportunity. Two (2) companies submitted bids, with Pro Glass Services, LLC., dba Glass Doctor of Seneca, SC, submitting the lowest bid of \$54,865.79.

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It is the staff's recommendation that Council:

- 1) *Approve the award of ITB 21-10 to Pro Glass Services, LLC., dba Glass Doctor of Seneca, SC, for Windows and Doors for South Cove Recreation Building in the amount of \$49,867.99, plus a 10% contingency amount of \$4,986.80 for any change orders that may arise, for a total award amount of \$54,854.79.*
- 2) *Authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this project and sign any change orders within the contingency amount.*

Title: Intrado VIPER 911 System Upgrade – Sole Source

Department: Communications

Amount: \$283,627.63

This expenditure will be paid completely through 911 tariff fees collected. Additionally, the SC Budget and Control Board has agreed to reimburse the 911 fund up to 80% of the cost of this upgrade. Accounting for this reimbursement, the total investment from 911 tariff fees will be \$63,117.20.

Oconee County operates 911 telephony for incoming voice, data, and automatic location information utilizing the Intrado VIPER solution. This purchase contains both an upgrade for existing workstations at the primary 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in Walhalla, as well as, extension of the VIPER 911 phone system to the hot-standby backup 911 center currently under construction at the Hamilton Career and Technology Center.

If the primary 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) were to experience failure or natural disaster, rendering the law enforcement center uninhabitable, this backup center will be utilized. With the addition of the 911 back-up center, it is necessary to purchase the Intrado Viper 911 System for this location to ensure no interruption of 911 service.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Since the original installation, this hardware and software has been consistently maintained and upgraded by Intrado Life and Safety Solutions Corporation, of Chicago, IL. This upgrade will be integrated into the existing system; therefore, it must be purchased from the same vendor. After careful negotiation as to the scope of work and the final pricing for the upgrade, Oconee County will benefit from a significant pricing discount from Intrado Life and Safety Solutions Corporation for upgrading the current system versus replacing it with an entirely new 911 infrastructure. Procurement staff and the Emergency Communications Director recommend this purchase as a sole source.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the Sole Source purchase of the VIPER 911 System upgrade and extension location to Intrado Life and Safety Solutions Corporation, of Chicago, IL in the amount of \$283,627.63.

Title: Two (2) Ford F-250 Pickup Trucks

Department: Facilities Maintenance

Amount: \$69,552.00

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This purchase is for (2) 2022 Ford F-250 pickup trucks. The first truck is a 2-wheel drive, regular cab, long bed truck with a tommy gate. The second truck is a 4-wheel drive, crew cab, short bed truck with an Adrian single lid cross box. These trucks will be used by the department in daily maintenance operations.

The new trucks will replace a 1993 Chevrolet 2500 and a 1996 Ford F-250 that have high mileage. These trucks will be sold as surplus or replace older vehicles used in other County departments. The Fleet Maintenance Director approves this purchase

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the purchase of two (2) 2022 Ford F-250 pickup trucks to Vic Bailey Ford, Inc. of Spartanburg, SC, in the amount of \$69,552.00.

Title: Local ATAX Recommendations- Oconee County PRT Commission
Amount: \$172,500

A portion of Local ATAX revenues received by Oconee County are made available for ATAX grants through Ordinance 2011-12. ATAX grants are to be tourism related grants that meet the ATAX guidelines specified by local and State mandates. Grants are recommended by the PRT Commission based on tourism impact of the project and approved by County Council. All external ATAX grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant.

These reports are placed in the grant folder, which is kept active by the PRT staff until the grant is considered complete. Internal projects through Oconee PRT are also recommended through local ATAX for eligible projects to lessen the impact to the general fund when available.

Due to a mandated lengthy closure during the pandemic, Walhalla Performing Arts Center (WPAC) depleted a large amount of reserve funds to pay ongoing bills. This request will allow WPAC to continue booking deposits for events as planned for 2022 and not have to cancel shows due to lack of funding for future deposits. Approximately 65% of all attendance to WPAC are non-Oconee County attendees, providing a great economic benefit to the region. This is an eligible request for local ATAX funding.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the ATAX grant recommendations per the attached spreadsheet.

Procurement: ITB 21-09

**Title: Seneca Creek Boat Ramp
Site Development**

Department(s): PRT

Amount: Project: \$ 3,063,854.68

Contingency: \$ 306,385.47

Total Award: \$ 3,370,240.15

The Seneca Creek Boat Ramp consists of site development for a 3-lane boat ramp facility including pavement, parking lot, launching dock, fishing dock, kayak dock, sidewalks, storm drainage, and associated facilities. The base bid is for all work within the limits of site development, including clearing and grubbing, erosion control, paving, and storm drainage. Estimated project completion will be December 2022.

On October 26, 2021, formal sealed bids were opened for this project. This bid was originally sent to forty-one bidders. Two (2) companies submitted bids with The Belk Company, LLC, submitting the lowest responsive and responsible bid of \$3,063,854.68.

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This construction project will be funded with PRT Capital in the amount of \$1,500,000; PCB Settlement funds in the amount of \$300,000; ATAX funding in the amount of \$70,240.15; and ARPA funds in the amount of \$1,500,000.

The ARPA funding is expected to be allocated in May of 2022. Staff will return to County Council for approval of ARPA funding request once the funds have been received by the County.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council:

- 1. Approve the award of ITB 21-09, Seneca Creek Boat Ramp Site Development to The Belk Company, LLC of Anderson, SC in the amount of \$3,063,854.68, plus a 10% contingency of \$306,385.47, for a total award of \$3,370,240.15; \$1,500,000.00 of the project allocation is anticipated ARPA funding.***
- 2. Authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this project and sign any change orders within the contingency amount.***

Title: Long Term Rental of 40 Ton Articulating Dump Truck for Hauling Cover Soil for Monthly Landfill Cover and Sediment Pond Construction and Maintenance for SC DHEC Compliance

Department(s): Solid Waste

Amount: \$200,000

Over the last two years, there has been a 50 percent increase in the tonnage at the landfill due to extreme growth and the tornado of 2020. This requires more soil to adequately provide the monthly DHEC requirement of 6 inches of soil over the entire working face which can range from 1-2 acres in size. Over the past 2 years, the Solid Waste Department has borrowed an older articulated dump truck (ADT) from the Rock Quarry when not in use or the Road Department has sent a crew with 2-3 standard dump trucks. However, these efforts are not dependable due to the needs and duties of their departments. ADT's have been rented twice to catch back up in landfill covering. Nearly 100 ADT loads of soil are required each month which is equivalent to 200-250 standard dump truck loads. The ADT can work in unfavorable conditions, can go onto the landfill face, and cuts the covering time in half which gets staff back to their normal duties. Over the last several months, the landfill has not been able to complete the covering on time due to Quarry's truck being down for repair or their need for it, Road Department crews working on other projects or normal duties, and the lack of trucks available for rent. \$200,000 was allocated for the purchase of a used ADT in the capital replacement plan but there has been very few available that are in good condition or have low hours.

A formal solicit for quote for a ADT rental was sent out on 11/3/21 and due back by 11/16/21. Four companies responded, but only one company had a truck available. Linder Industrial Machinery quoted a 2019 Komatsu HM400 (40 ton) truck with 2,929 hours and is currently under rent by Oconee County. The first month rent is for \$17,692 (rental, taxes, environmental and delivery fees included). Each additional month rental will be \$16,048 (base rental, taxes, and environmental fees included) with a percentage of the base rental fee coming off the purchase price of \$316,900. The buy it now price after 6 months will be \$252,809 (taxes and fees included) and the buy it now price after 12 months will be \$171,873 (taxes and fees included), which reflect the reduction of the rental fees. This ADT is still under the original factory warranty and an extended warranty can be purchased for approximately \$9,000-\$12,000. The original purchase price of the 2019 HM400 was \$540,000 and a current new price of a 2022 HM400 is \$663,000 based on Sourcewell contract pricing.

Oconee County Solid Waste is required to cover the landfill every 30 days per state regulations and is currently under SC DHEC enforcement action.

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It is the staff's recommendation that Council:

- 1. Authorize the County Administrator to sign/execute rental of Articulated Dump Truck to Linder Industrial Machinery of Greer for estimated 12 months.*
- 2. Authorize the County Administrator to transfer \$200,000 from the FY22 Capital Equipment Fund to FY22 Solid Waste Rental line item to continue renting the Komatsu HM400 Articulated Dump Truck with the potential to purchase at the end of the rental agreement.*

Council Committee Reports

None scheduled for this meeting.

Board & Commission Appointments

The Board & Commission seats listed below are co-terminus with Council District seats and will require [in the 1st quarter of 2021] appointment and/or reappointment as follows:

Building Codes Appeal Board

1 At-Large Seat: No questionnaire on file for this seat

Executive Session

[upon reconvening Council may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

For the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

[1] Receive legal advice and discuss potential litigation regarding Elevated Youth Services

[2] Discuss an Economic Development matter, Project Queso

[3] Discussion regarding acquisition of real property adjacent to the Oconee County Solid Waste Complex

[4] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Harmony.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Council approval of acquisition of real property adjacent to the Oconee County Solid Waste Complex

Adjourn

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